II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the current abstract and replace it with the following:

-- A system and method for providing positional synchronization of characters in a multi-voting character recognition system. A character recognition system is provided that includes at least one transducer system for scanning printed character data and generating different sets of transduced character information. A position collection system is then utilized for collecting positional data for characters in the transduced character information, and a character position synchronization system is provided for positionally synchronizing corresponding characters from different sets of transduced character information. Finally, a voting engine is used to receive and vote on sets of transduced character information. –

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following:

-- As seen in Figure 3, the position measurement for each read character for both sets of transduced character information is stored with the characters in buffers 40 and 42. For instance, the first set of transduced character information A, C, C, O, U, and N is stored with position measurements 1.52, 1.80, 2.10, 2.41, 2.68 and 3.01 respectively in buffer 40. The second set of transduced character information A, C, O, U, and N is stored with position measurements ~~1.52~~ 1.50, 1.84, 2.42, 2.70 and 3.04 respectively in buffer 42. --